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SENATE BILL

No. 825

Introduced by Senator Maldonado

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 51228 of, and to add Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 8075) to Chapter 1 of Part 6 of, the Education Code, relating to career technical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 825, as amended, Maldonado. Career Technical Education Accountability Act of 2005.

(1) Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include courses in career technical education. Existing law requires the governing board of a school district participating in a career technical education program to appoint a career technical education advisory committee to develop recommendations on the program and to provide liaison between the school district and employers. Existing law requires a school district maintaining any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer a course of study that provides an opportunity to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation from high school.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to adopt regulations that articulate ~~the minimum qualifications of~~ *standards for* a quality career technical education program, as defined, to include specified components. The bill would provide that the provision of a quality career technical education program would satisfy the requirement that a school district maintaining any of grades 7 to 12, inclusive, offer a course of study that provides an opportunity to attain entry-level employment skills in business or industry upon graduation

from high school. To the extent that the bill would impose additional duties on a school district in providing a career technical education program, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 3.5 (commencing with Section 8075) is
2 added to Chapter 1 of Part 6 of the Education Code, to read:

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4 Article 3.5. Career Technical Education Accountability Act of
5 2005
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7 8075. This article shall be known and may be cited as the
8 Career Technical Education Accountability Act of 2005.

9 8076. "Career technical education program" means a program
10 of a high school consisting of a sequence of courses directly
11 related to preparation for employment in current or emerging
12 occupations that may require a postsecondary degree, including
13 competency-based applied learning that contributes to academic
14 knowledge, high-order reasoning, problem solving skills, positive
15 work attitudes, general employability skills, technical skills, and
16 occupational specific skills necessary for economic independence
17 as a productive and contributing member of society.

18 8077. The State Department of Education, in consultation
19 with the Office of the Secretary for Education, shall develop and
20 adopt regulations that clearly articulate ~~the minimum~~
21 ~~qualifications of standards for~~ a quality career technical
22 education program, to include all of the following:

1 (a) The career technical education advisory committee
2 established pursuant to Section 8070 meets no less than once
3 each year to do all of the following:

4 (1) Identify skills relevant in business and industry.

5 (2) Review and make recommendations for appropriate
6 equipment and facilities.

7 ~~(3) Evaluate the fitness of an instructor to teach the subject~~
8 ~~matter.~~

9 *(3) Review and make recommendations on the qualifications*
10 *of an instructor to teach a particular subject matter or to*
11 *undertake a particular teaching assignment.*

12 (4) Review curriculum to ensure compliance with state
13 standards and the needs of business and industry.

14 (b) Instructors are given professional development
15 opportunities that conform with contemporary business and
16 industry. ~~The State Department of Education, in consultation~~
17 ~~with the Office of the Secretary for Education, shall develop and~~
18 ~~adopt criteria to identify those professional development~~
19 ~~opportunities.~~ *industry.*

20 (c) Student leadership organizations that incorporate
21 competitive recognition events and activities that are extraneous
22 to the school district.

23 (d) A multiyear, sequence-based curriculum that begins with
24 introductory courses and concludes with courses that may
25 include regional occupational program work.

26 8078. (a) A career technical education program shall submit
27 a report, approved by the career technical education advisory
28 committee, to the State Department of Education regarding its
29 compliance with Section 8077 no later than June 30 of each year.

30 (b) The report submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be
31 forwarded to the Office of the Secretary for Education no later
32 than August 1 of each year.

33 SEC. 2. Section 51228 of the Education Code is amended to
34 read:

35 51228. (a) A school district maintaining any of grades 7 to
36 12, inclusive, shall offer to all otherwise qualified pupils in those
37 grades a course of study fulfilling the requirements and
38 prerequisites for admission to the California public institutions of
39 postsecondary education and shall provide a timely opportunity
40 to each of those pupils to enroll within a four-year period in each

1 course necessary to fulfill those requirements and prerequisites
2 prior to graduation from high school.

3 (b) A school district maintaining any of grades 7 to 12,
4 inclusive, shall offer to all otherwise qualified pupils in those
5 grades a course of study that provides an opportunity for those
6 pupils to attain entry-level employment skills in business or
7 industry upon graduation from high school. A school district is
8 encouraged to provide all pupils with a rigorous academic
9 curriculum that integrates academic and career skills,
10 incorporates applied learning in all disciplines, and prepares all
11 pupils for high school graduation and career entry.

12 (c) A school district that adopts a required curriculum that
13 meets or exceeds the minimum-~~qualifications of~~ *standards for* a
14 quality career technical education program pursuant to Section
15 8077, and that meets or exceeds the model standards developed
16 and adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to Section
17 51226, shall be deemed to have fulfilled its responsibilities
18 pursuant to subdivision (b).

19 (d) Any school district that adopts a required curriculum
20 pursuant to subdivision (c) that meets or exceeds the model
21 standards developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to
22 Section 51226, or that adopts alternative means for pupils to
23 complete the prescribed course of study pursuant to subdivision
24 (b) of Section 51225.3, may substitute pupil demonstration of
25 competence in the prescribed subjects through a practical
26 demonstration of these skills in a regional occupational center or
27 program, work experience, interdisciplinary study, independent
28 study, credit earned at a postsecondary institution, or other
29 outside school experience, as prescribed by Section 51225.

30 SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
31 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
32 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
33 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
34 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.